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From: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: HOT ITEM: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story

Just got my 7th call from the Washington Post reporter. She's releasing this story early afternoon. I'll be out of the office at 1500, yet feel free to send to (b)(6) who can send the answers back before she releases.

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Joe – We got this. (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6) are working this now. Will have something in the next 90 minutes or so.

Make sure the Post understands that – we will have good answers that will be helpful for the article. Just need a little time.

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Thanks, lynn

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Lynn/Jay,

Not surprisingly, in response to the Politico article, CHINFO has received queries from a number of other media outlets.

In response, they provided the statement we used for politico (attached).

In the email below to CHINFO, the Washington Post had some follow-up questions.

Can we put together something to responds to the Post?

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Has the draft guidance been finalized/released? Is it a classified or unclassified directive?

They want to publish this afternoon!

Regards,

Joe

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From: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)
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To: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6) >
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Statement on unexplained aerial phenomena reporting

Hello, I'm still waiting to receive the official statement from you.

As a matter of expediency, below are follow up questions. I'd appreciate the opportunity to speak with someone this morning. We're aiming to publish early afternoon.

- What does the U.S. Navy constitute as a strange aerial sighting, for purposes of the new guidelines?
- The statement published by POLITICO says, "There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years." Can you elaborate on what this means?
 - Is "recent years" the last two years? Five? Ten?
 - Has there been an increase in sighting over that time period or has it remained constant? What prompted the Navy to draft these guidelines now?
 - How many sightings have there been?
- What are the drafted guidelines? Could you provide us with a copy of them?
- Prior to this, was there anything similar in place for unidentified aircraft sightings?
- Are there parallel guidelines for other branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, like the Air Force?
- What type of analysis will be conducted?

From: (b) (6)(b) (6)
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UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTING/POLITICO -- Responded to Politico ((b)(6))
query TODAY on recent Hill briefings by the Navy regarding unidentified
aircraft. (b) (5)(b) (5)(b) (5)(b) (5)(b) (5)(b) (5) Responded: "There have been a
number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering
various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years.
For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports
very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this
effort, the Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of
any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A
new message to the fleet that will detail the steps for reporting is in
draft. In response to requests for information from Congressional members
and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior
Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to
aviation safety." Article attached.

Vr,
Greg

CAPT Greg Hicks
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From: Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 12:09 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Gradisher, Joseph F CIV
 USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Free for a quick catch up?
Signed By: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)
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From: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Free for a quick catch up?

Sorry to be a pest but should I hound ONR directly? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2019, at 1:22 PM, Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (US) (b)(6) > wrote:

Sorry (b) (6), nothing really. Only that it is in the intel lanes. VR/ Greg

From: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (US) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Free for a quick catch up?

Any thing to report here yet? Thanks

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Hicks, Gregory CAPT CHINFO, OI-00 (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:01:02 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Free for a quick catch up?

Sorry, nothing yet. I've asked the team to respond and reach out in our lifelines.

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: (b)(6)
Date: Friday, Mar 01, 2019, 1:57 PM
To: Hicks, Gregory CAPT CHINFO, OI-00 (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Free for a quick catch up?

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From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 8:55 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting guidance
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The message is out... but due to the operational and aircraft specific nature of these guidelines, security considerations preclude their disclosure.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:54 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US) (b)(6); (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting guidance

I will have to defer to Mr. Gradisher on that one (CC'ed).

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting guidance

Thanks! Is the message to the fleet already out, and is that available? (b) (6)

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On Apr 25, 2019, at 2:43 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

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Thanks for the call. Below is the statement as discussed. You may attributed it to Mr. Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

“There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years. For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this effort, the Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A message to the fleet details the steps for reporting each incident. In response to requests for information from Congressional members and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to aviation safety.”

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Date: Thursday, Apr 25, 2019, 8:25 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting

guidance

Hi (b) (6),

Here's the email follow-up.

If I could get the various Navy comments used by Politico and Wash Post on the upcoming Navy guidance, that would be great.

Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 3:48 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: ELITE DAILY Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)
Signed By: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)

Hi (b) (c),

Thanks for your interest in the Navy's procedures.

As for your questions below let me answer what I can for you:

1. whether there was a specific incident or cause that prompted the upcoming change.

There was no one specific incident that prompted the change in policy. The wide proliferation and availability of inexpensive unmanned aerial systems (UAS), such as commercially available quadcopters, has increasingly made airspace de-confliction an issue for our aviators. In this increasingly complex airspace including both military and civilian aviation environments, the US Navy is proactive in exercising due diligence in investigating any observation in training areas that could affect the safety of our aircrews. Based on this increased airspace complexity, US Navy aircrews were provided with reporting instructions in order to determine the frequency and location of any UAS operating in our training areas.

2. offer any detail on the new process.

The information obtained from each individual report of any suspected training range incursion will continue to be investigated in its own right. The information obtained in these reports will be catalogued and analyzed for the purpose of identifying any hazard to our aviators. This process could involve multiple Department of Defense and Intelligence Community organizations. Military aviation safety organizations always retain reporting of hazards to aviation as privileged information in order to preserve the free and honest prioritization and discussion of safety among aircrew. Furthermore, any report generated as a result of these investigations will, by necessity, include classified information on military operations. Therefore, no release of information to the general public is expected.

3. comment on whether there's been an uptick in reports.

Consistent with the wide proliferation and availability of inexpensive unmanned aerial systems (UAS), sightings of this nature have increased in frequency from 2014 until now.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: ELITE DAILY Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

Hi (b)(6),

Thanks so much for your reply. For our coverage, can the Navy or any representative offer any comment on whether there was a specific incident or cause that prompted the upcoming change, offer any detail on the new process, comment on whether there's been an uptick in reports, or offer any comment regarding the possibility of aliens among us? (We've gotta ask!)

Thanks for your time.

Best,

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On Wed, Apr 24, 2019 at 3:24 PM (b)(6) > wrote:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Date: Wed, Apr 24, 2019 at 3:06 PM

Subject: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

To: (b)(6) >

Cc: (b)(6)

Good Afternoon,

Here is the statement from the Navy:

"There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years. For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this effort, the Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A new message to the fleet that will detail the steps for reporting is in draft. In response to requests for information from Congressional members and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to aviation safety."

Attributed to Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

Thank you.

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From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 1:34 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)
Signed By: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)
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“Navy representatives have previously briefed members and staff from the Senate Armed Services committee. We will continue to keep members and staff of both chambers of Congress, including those of the respective Armed Services Committees, informed on our efforts and findings.”

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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 6:01 PM
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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

Thanks for your help on this!

I do not currently have the specifics on who has been briefed on the Hill.

I've reached out to our legislative affairs office to see if I can get any additional clarification.

As soon as I receive their response, I will be back in touch.

Joe Gradisher

Captain, U.S. Navy (ret)

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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 5:14 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Chinfo Duty Officer (b)(6); Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

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Please reach out to Mr. Gradisher for your question (CC'ed, (b)(6))

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From: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 4:42 PM

To: Chinfo Duty Officer (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

Which Congressional members and staff have been briefed?

On Wed, Apr 24, 2019 at 3:33 PM (b)(6) > wrote:

Thanks!

On Wed, Apr 24, 2019 at 11:53 AM Chinfo Duty Officer (b)(6) wrote:

Good Morning Ma'am,

Here is the statement that the Navy put out:

"There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years. For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this effort, the Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A new message to the fleet that will detail the steps for reporting is in draft. In response to requests for information from Congressional members and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to aviation safety."

You can attribute this to Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

Thank you

V/r,

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 9:41 PM

To: Chinfo Duty Officer <(b)(6)>

Subject: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

Good evening. My name is [REDACTED]. Today I read a few reports saying that the Navy is standardizing its procedures for reporting UFO sightings and I was wondering if someone could tell me why this is being done? How frequently do Navy officers report seeing UFOs? I'm writing on deadline and would appreciate a quick reply. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 2:31 PM
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Subject: RE: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story
Signed By: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)

All the best - (b) (6)

From: Wright, B Lynn SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)
Date: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019, 5:07 PM
To: Miller, DeWolfe H VADM USN COMNAVAIRPAC SAN CA (USA) (b)(6)
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From: Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN NIMITZ OPINTELCEN DC (USA) (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:25 PM

To: Wright, B Lynn SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story

Safety of aircrew is always a paramount concern to the US Navy and the Department of Defense. The wide proliferation and availability of inexpensive unmanned aerial systems (UAS) such as commercially available quadcopters has increasingly made airspace de-confliction an issue for our aviators. In this increasingly complex airspace including both military and civilian aviation environments, the US Navy is proactive in exercising due diligence in investigating any observation in training areas that could affect the safety of our aircrew. Based on this increased airspace complexity, US Navy aircrew were provided with reporting instructions in order to determine the frequency and location of any UAS operating in our training areas.

In response to past reports, the US Navy issued guidelines for responses to observations. Based on continued reporting under those guidelines, the US Navy has decided to further develop ways to help better understand the source and nature of the observations. As an example, in 2012 there were a number of lasing events near Naval Air Station Oceana, the US Navy took these hazards to aviation very seriously and working with Law Enforcement identified and prosecuted the individual. While the US Navy acknowledges that these hazards to aviation may be inadvertent or unintended, just as with the lasing events, the US Navy remains vigilant in addressing any and all hazards to aviation.

We are currently updating guidelines to be more aircraft specific in order to facilitate reports that support an objective data driven analysis while helping to remove any stigmas from reporting anything unknown in the airspace. Due to the operational and aircraft specific nature of these guidelines, security considerations preclude their disclosure. The US Navy is at the forefront of this effort but works across the Department of Defense to ensure other service partners maintain awareness for the safety of their aircrew. The US Navy is not working with any entities outside of the US government.

Military and civilian aviation has always had channels for reporting airspace violations and hazards to aviation safety. However, based on the enhanced guidelines that were implemented reporting became more consistent which lead to our recognition that more specific guidelines were needed. The US Navy continues to operate and train safely throughout the world.

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Hicks, Gregory

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Regards,

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Statement on unexplained aerial phenomena reporting

Hello, I'm still waiting to receive the official statement from you.

As a matter of expediency, below are follow up questions. I'd appreciate the opportunity to speak with someone this morning. We're aiming to publish early afternoon.

- What does the U.S. Navy constitute as a strange aerial sighting, for purposes of the new guidelines?
- The statement published by POLITICO says, "There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years." Can you elaborate on what this means?
 - Is "recent years" the last two years? Five? Ten?
 - Has there been an increase in sighting over that time period or has it remained constant? What prompted the Navy to draft these guidelines now?
 - How many sightings have there been?
- What are the drafted guidelines? Could you provide us with a copy of them?
- Prior to this, was there anything similar in place for unidentified aircraft sightings?
- Are there parallel guidelines for other branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, like the Air Force?
- What type of analysis will be conducted?

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Thanks so much for sending the statement. Will send follow up questions once received.

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From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
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Here's what we've released.

"There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years. For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this effort, the Navy is updating previous guidance and formalizing the process by which reports of any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A message to the fleet details the steps for reporting each incident. In response to requests for information from Congressional members and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to aviation safety."

Attributed to Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

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